

Pitt Favored to Win East-West Battle Today

Some Pitt Football Stars in Game Today



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YOST ORIGINATOR OF FORWARD PASS

Book on Football Written by Michigan Mentor in 1905 Shows Spiral Throw.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—The discoverer of the play chiefly responsible for the modern-day style of football—the forward pass—has just been found. He is Fielding H. Yost, veteran coach at the University of Michigan. Twenty-five years ago, nine years before the forward pass was used in football, he introduced the spiral throw, using it first at Ohio Wesleyan University to teach punters how to kick a spiral.

Using his hand instead of his foot, Yost says he was a poor punter, he explained to his squad how to impart a whirling motion to the oval, to give it speed and direction. For many years he used this trick in coaching his backfield, and in 1905, the year before he published in a book on football, illustrations of his method of getting off the spiral throw.

"In executing the spiral throw," Yost said in his 1905 article, "place the ball on the hand as in the illustration. The ball should lie diagonally across the palm from the base of the thumb to the end of the little finger. The arm should be brought around forward in a horizontal line and, just as the ball leaves the hand, it should be caused to revolve on its axis by suddenly jerking the hand around the ball and to the left. The oval will thus be made to rotate like a spiral kick. The end of the ball that is ahead in the picture must be kept ahead all the time. The ball in this manner can be thrown with ease from thirty to forty yards. The revolution of the ball on its axis should be rapid. This pass can be made with or across the wind and with practice the player can control its distance and direction almost as well as if the oval were a baseball."

Many versions of the "Ty" Cobb hit controversy have filled the columns of baseball gossip, but the truth is that President Ben Johnson of the American League refused to accept an unsigned box score as official.

When Johnson announced after several weeks of dispute in newspaper articles that the hit was awarded to Cobb because the official box score was "unauthenticated," he meant "unsigned."

An unsigned box score, Johnson held, was like an unsigned check—no good. The discovery of two discrepancies in the unsigned box score was brought to Johnson's attention by the American League official statistician as a routing matter and the Associated Press box score was substituted for the official box.

Careful checking of the season's box scores for final official averages brings to light, it is learned, many disputes and obvious errors which are corrected by the official statistician, if plainly erroneous, without becoming known. Some official scorers, it is said, have been prone to omit some undisputed events as double plays and home runs.

"The Life of Bat Nelson," former lightweight champion, who met them all and retained his title un-

til Ad Wolgast won the crown, fails to reveal the money saving capabilities of the former slugging and punishment absorbing Dane, although it relates his life's ring career authentically.

Nelson recently returned from the East where he was awarded \$1,000 damages following his arrest on a charge of shoplifting, which he proved to be untrue. En route home he learned that the price of a sleeping car berth would be nine dollars. Rather than spend that amount, "Bat" says he sat up all night and when he finally dozed off to sleep all the windows in the coach were opened causing him to take a cold which prevented his talking for several days.

"That nine dollars cost me \$800," he said, "and you can believe me, hereafter when I want a sleeper I'll pay the price, because I have got to have my voice in my business."

Western Conference schools only should be permitted to compete in the annual "Big Ten" outdoor track and field meet, in the opinion of Nelson A. Kellogg, director of athletics at Purdue University, and chairman of the athletic directors' committee of the Western Conference. The fact that numerous athletic organizations, not in existence when the Big Ten track meet was formed, now have track meets of their own, is given as one reason by Mr. Kellogg to confine the event to "Big Ten" schools.

"Barring non-conflicting schools from the 'Big Ten' meeting would be an aid to the national intercollegiate meet," Athletic Director Kellogg said. "Many schools feel that they cannot enter both, so that if they were not permitted to engage in the Conference event, they would be almost certain to enter the National meet."

Discrimination against Western Conference schools by institutions which enter the "Big Ten" event only when the latter have exceptionally strong teams was given as another reason why the conference meet should be only for members of the organization, Director Kellogg said.

AMERICAN TO REFEREE
PARIS, Dec. 30.—For the first time in the history of French boxing, an American referee, Hiram Johnson, Jr., of California, will be the third man in the ring when Frank Moran and Marcel Nilles meet today to settle the heavyweight championship of France. The title is claimed by Nilles.

Tokio has averaged, in the past 30 years, 90 earthquakes annually.

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Mitchell L.F. Smith
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Foul goals—Michael, 1 out of 3; Mitchell, 2 out of 3; Toothman, 1 out of 3; Knight, 1 out of 3; Smith, 0 out of 2; Wilson, 4 out of 10; Snyder, 0 out of 1.

Referee—Garrett. Wesleyan. Timer—Ammons. F. H. S. Scorers—Wolfe and Michaels.

Basketball Schedule.
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FAIRVIEW DOWNS NORMAL SCRUBS

Fairmont Team Outclassed by Paw Paw Five—Underwood and Michael Star

FAIRVIEW, Dec. 30.—In a game played at Fairview last night, featured by rough playing and the strong defense of the visiting team, Fairview high school basketball team succeeded in downing the Fairmont Normal Reserves to the tune of 22 to 9. The local team took the lead in the early part of the game and held it throughout the struggle. The score at the end of the first half was Fairview 12, Normal 5. Underwood and Michael were the leading lights for the Fairview team while Wilson and Knight showed up best for the visitors. Mitchell did the most of the scoring for the locals, caging five difficult baskets when closely guarded.

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EAST SIDE DOWNS GRAFTON TOSSERS

Mitchell Shows Class in Last Minutes of Game When Stealey Leaves.

East Side High School took the measure of Grafton High School on the East Side floor last night by a count of 19 to 12. The Yellow Jackets got away to an early lead and held it. East Side showed better form than in the opening game with Bridgeport on Tuesday and the team gives promise of making a great record during the season. Criss was injured late in the game and had to retire. Stealey played a steady game all the way until he was removed late in the contest. Mitchell who took Stealey's place showed great form and looks as if he will be one of the fastest men in scholastic circles.

Grafton showed a lack of team work, which was due to the fact that the boys have not been playing together much yet. The team will show more strength as the season progresses.

Lineup and summary:
Grafton East Side
Hinkle Layman
Hickman Criss
Sampes Hill
Shaw Keener
Heffner Stealey
Guards

Substitutions—Henry for Hinkle, Adams for Criss, Mitchell for Stealey. Field Goals—Hinkle, 1; Henry, 1; Sampes, 1; Layman, 2; Criss, 1; Keener, 3. Foul goals—Hickman, 5 out of 9; Sampes, 1 out of 3; Stealey, 6 out of 9; Keener, 1 out of 1. Referee—Kahn of Colgate.

Dec. 29—Normal Reserves.
Jan. 6—Shinnston High School.
Jan. 27—Morgantown.
Feb. 3—Weston.
Feb. 10—West Monongah.
Feb. 14—Farmington.
Feb. 20—Fairmont.
Feb. 22—Elkins.
March 9—Buchanan.
Broadband:
Jan. 5—Grafton.
Jan. 11—West Monongah.
Jan. 19—Fairmont.
Jan. 20—Elkins.
Feb. 2—Lumberport.
Feb. 9—Morgantown.
Feb. 16—Mannington.
Feb. 17—Weston.
Feb. 24—Farmington.
March 23—Valley tournament.
March 25-16-17—State tournament.

The girls' team will play West Monongah here January 12, Farmington here on February 17 and will play at Farmington on January 20. Other games for the girls team are pending.

RETURN OF BENTON TO MAJORS OPPOSED

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Return of Ruben Benton, former Giant pitcher, reported to have been purchased from the St. Paul American Association club by the Cincinnati Reds, to major league baseball today was regarded as problematical, hinging upon investigations by K. M. Landis, commissioner of baseball, of his alleged connection with the 1919 World Series scandal.

Reports from New York, quoting John Heydler, president of the National League, as indicating Benton would be barred from that circuit brought a new turn to the situation yesterday. President B. B. Johnson of the American League has previously stated Benton would not be permitted to play in that league.

President Heydler's statement caused an announcement by Commissioner Landis that he was making an investigation of reports of the 1919 World Series that Benton was "fixed" and used that knowledge to win a large sum.

Connection of Benton's name with the World Series case came after he had charged Buck Herzog, former manager of the Cincinnati club, with proposing that he throw ball games. Herzog countered with affidavits from Art Wilson and Tony Boeckel of the Boston Braves that they had heard Benton boast of his advance information of the series fixing and the large amounts of money he had won.

BULLSEYES of BASEBALL

BY DILLI EVANS.
NO. 1: GREATEST BASE RUNNING I EVER SAW.

When it comes to remarkable bits of base running, you just have to hand the laurel wreath to Ty Cobb. I have seen Cobb pull off so much sensational stuff on the bases, that it is a rather difficult matter to pick out his one best bet in the speed line.

During the first two or three years that Cobb was in the American League, he pulled so many unusual stunts on the bases, that other American League players simply classed him as a lucky stiff who ran wild.

That impression, however, was short lived. Cobb was really thinking just a wee bit faster than the opposition, and thereby creating many of the breaks of the game, which was always referred to as mere luck.

When the Detroit club went to Cuba in 1911 I was with the team as umpire. Cobb's fame had preceded him. A story appeared in a Havana paper, saying the only sure way to stop Cobb was to throw the ball one base ahead of the one to which he was going.

It was written in a humorous vein, but three or four times I saw Cuban players do that very thing to head off Cobb.

One of the best bits of base running I have ever seen Cobb turn in was staged early in his career. Detroit was playing St. Louis at Detroit.

Cobb dropped a Texas leaguer into center field which was fielded by Charlie Hemphill. As Cobb rounded first at a job he noticed Hemphill lob the ball toward second.

He immediately dashed for that base at full speed. The ball took a false hop and got away from the second baseman. Seeing this at a glance, Cobb continued on to third. The player backing up, threw low to third as Cobb slid into that base.

W. O. W. HIGH OFFICERS HERE
Visitors who attended the meeting of White Oak Camp, Woodmen of the World, held last night in the lodge rooms in Adams street, at which time recently elected officers were installed and twenty-five candidates were initiated into the order, were Brigadier General Ruess of Omaha, Neb., State Manager Sol O. Bryant of Huntington and Major Protzman of Morgantown.

The newly elected officers were installed by the visiting ones and the initiation work was conducted by the degree team of the camp, in charge of Captain Daugherty. General Ruess made an address during the evening.

Vell, an insignificant village near Rome, was once the Eternal City's most formidable rival.

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DEMPSEY SIGNS TO MEET LEWIS

Mixed Match Between Champion Wrestler and Boxer Finally Arranged.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—Ed. ("Strangler") Lewis, world's champion heavyweight wrestler, announced today that arrangements had been completed for a mixed match between Jack Dempsey, heavyweight pugilist, and himself. Lewis produced articles covering the match, which were drawn at Wichita, Kans., and carried the signature of Jack Kearns, manager for Dempsey.

The articles, a sporting writer observed, "contained one million rules as to how the two are to behave themselves."

The date and place of the match were not announced.

VILLA ADDS NEW SCALP
NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Pancho Villa, the fighting Filipino, who holds the American flyweight boxing title, had another bantamweight scalp added to his belt today. His latest victory was scored last night over Terry Martin of Providence in a slashing fifteen-round bout at Madison Square Garden.

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LOW SCORE MAY RESULT IN BIG GRIDIRON FIGHT

Winterburn Booked to Start in Holleran's Place at Palo Alto.

RADIO REPORT

The West Virginian will give a play by play radio report on the Pitt-Leland Stanford game to be played this afternoon at Palo Alto, Cal. The reports will start coming in about 5:30. They will be received in the editorial room of The West Virginian and local football fans are invited to come to this office and follow the game play by play.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal. Dec. 30.—Teacher and pupil will clash this afternoon when Pitt and Leland Stanford meet on the gridiron here in the second of a series of East-West clashes during the holidays. The first game of the series was staged at San Diego on Christmas Day between West Virginia and Gonzaga, and the third game of the series will be played at Pasadena on Monday, when Penn State and the University of Southern California will clash.

Warner, the great and only Warner, wonder man of football year in and year out—will direct the play of the Pitt team so far as a coach may, while Andy Kerr, former freshman coach at Pitt and track coach, will have the California outfit under his care.

Pitt is booked to land the game, although a low score is predicted. Holleran, the brilliant Pitt captain, will be unable to start the game, Winterburn being at the quarterback position. Anderson, Flanagan and Hewitt will be the other men in the backfield.

Unbiased observers expect the easterners to win but Stanford fans hope their team will wear down the Panthers whose strength may have weakened by their transcontinental trip. In practice, however, the Pitt men have displayed no ill effects from their change from the cold of Pittsburgh to the warmth of California. Art Wilcox, the keyman in the Stanford offense system, will be kept out by injury.

Unsettled weather was predicted for the game.

The lineup:
Pittsburgh—Pos.—Stanford
Williams—R.E.—Lawson
Gourley—R.T.—Johnston
Sack—R.G.—Faville
Bowser—C.—Degroot
Clark—L.G.—Cravens
Simpson—L.T.—Shipke
Sauer—L.E.—Mertz
L. Winterburn—Q.—Woodward
Anderson—L.H.—Cleveland
Flanagan—R.H.—Doughty
Hewitt—F.B.—Cuddelback

BILL TILDEN STILL LEADS TENNIS FOLK

In the tennis world Bill Tilden was again supreme on the courts. The big Philadelphia always had enough in reserve to swing the margin of victory in his favor.

Among the women tennis players the brilliant showing of Helen Wills, the 16-year-old California miss, was one of the outstanding features of the year.

Helen Wills is a remarkable player. In a year or two she should be might y close to the top in the ranking of the women tennis players of this country. Following is a list of 1922 tennis champions.

National singles—William Tilden 2d
National doubles—Tilden and Richards
Clay court singles—William Tilden 2d
Clay court doubles—Bastin and Burdick
Intercollegiate singles—L. E. Williams
Intercollegiate doubles—Nor and Davies
Junior singles—Arnold W. Jones
Women's singles—Mrs. M. B. Mallory
Women's doubles—Mrs. Jessup and Miss Willis
Girls singles—Helen Wills
Mixed doubles—Mrs. Mallory and William Tilden, 2d.

MEXICAN BUSINESS BETTER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Mexican business is recovering rapidly from the recent banking crisis, according to information received by the Department of Commerce today from Assistant Trade Commissioner MacKenzie, who said that no new commercial failures had been reported and that none was expected. The merchants, Mr. MacKenzie added, are pushing their old stocks and are asking little credit, the whole tendency being toward a strict cash basis.

CANADIAN EXPORTS INCREASE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Canadian exports to the United States for October, the first complete month in which the new tariff law was effective, totalled \$32,885,109 compared to \$26,015,476 in the same month of last year.

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